from a Vokkaliga graduate for the place either in 1923 or 1924, no Vokkaliga was appointed to the post. As regards Probationary Sub-Inspectors' posts, out of 7 applicants from the Vokkaligara community only 4 had the prescribed educational qualification; but they could not be appointed as they were found to be not up to mark in the final selection by the Inspector-General of Police.

(*b*) If qualified candidates of the community are forthcoming, the Inspector-General of Police will no doubt consider their claims.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.

With reference to the answer to question 2 (*b*), will Government be pleased to define the term 'qualified candidates'?

Dewan.

That requires notice.

By Messrs. G. Paramasiviah and Mahomed Abbas Khan,—(Bangalore City).

Q.—3. *Re* proportion of members of the backward communities among the Gazetted Officers in the different administrative departments of the State, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The proportion of the members of the backward communities amongst the Gazetted Officers in the different administrative departments of the State?

(*b*) Whether they have taken any or what steps to recruit members of the backward communities in large numbers to the higher ranks of public service?

The Chief Secretary to Government.—

A.—3. (*a*) A statement showing the number of Gazetted Officers in each department and the number of those of the backward communities and of other communities is placed on the table. (*Vide* Appendix III.) The figures in column (4) do not include Europeans, Anglo-Indians and others who cannot be considered as belonging to the backward classes.

(*b*) The increased representation of the backward communities in the higher ranks of the Service has been kept in view by Government in making direct appointments to the Gazetted ranks.